

### **REMARKS**

Claims 44-59, 71-85, and 122-139 were pending and presented for examination and in this application. In an Office Action dated May 16, 2008, claims 44-59, 71-85, and 124-139 were rejected. No mention was made of claims 122-123. Applicants thank the Examiner for examination of the claims pending in this application and addresses the Examiner's comments below. Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

### **Interview Summary**

Applicants thank Examiner Weisberger for his time in conducting telephone interviews on August 8 and 18, 2008, with Applicants' representative Jennifer Bush. During the telephone interviews, potential amendments to claim 44 to overcome the pending § 112 rejection were discussed, which are reflected in the claims as amended. No formal agreement was reached.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 44-59, 71-85, and 124-139 would be allowable but for the pending § 112 rejection.

### **Response to Rejection Under 35 USC §112, Paragraph 2**

In the Office Action, claims 44-59, 71-85, and 124-139 were rejected under 35 USC §112, ¶ 2 as allegedly not specifically pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention.

Applicants have amended the claims to positively recite “a submit bid request including a bid,” have clarified the relationship between the client computer and the user, and have introduced an element reciting “accessing by the server computer a user database.”

Consistent with the changes made to claims 44 and 71, even though no comments were provided in the Office Action directed to claims 122-123, Applicants also have amended claims 122-123 in a similar manner.

Applicants submit that claims 44-45, 48-58, 71-72, 74-84, 122-123, 126-134, and 139 are recited with sufficient particularity to be patentable.

Claims 46, 47, 59, 73, 85, 124, 125, and 135-138 are canceled.

### **Conclusion**

In sum, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 44-45, 48-58, 71-72, 74-84, 122-123, 126-134, and 139, as presented herein, are patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration of the basis for the rejections to these claims and request allowance of them.

In addition, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact Applicants’ representative at the number provided below if the Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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